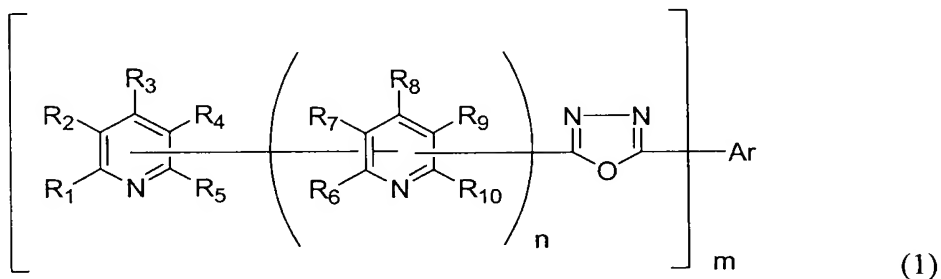


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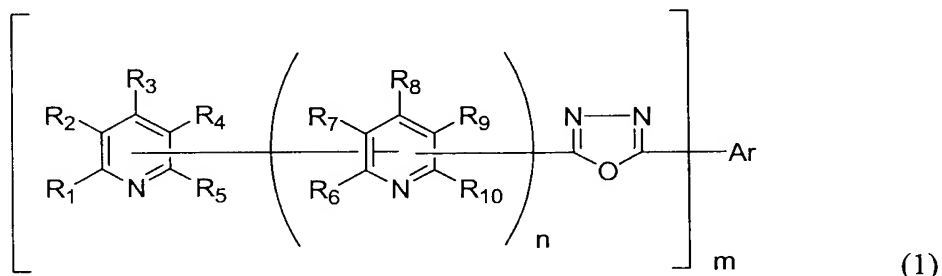
Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A compound having an oxadiazole ring structure having a substituted pyridyl group connected thereto, represented by the following general formula (1):



wherein Ar represents a substituted or unsubstituted aromatic hydrocarbon group, a substituted or unsubstituted aromatic heterocyclic group or a substituted or unsubstituted condensation polycyclic aromatic group; one of R₁, R₂, R₃, R₄ and R₅ is a linking group, and the others may be the same or different and represent a hydrogen atom, a fluorine atom, a cyano group, an alkyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted phenyl group or a substituted or unsubstituted naphthyl group; two of R₆, R₇, R₈, R₉ and R₁₀ are linking groups, and the others may be the same or different and represent a hydrogen atom, a fluorine atom, a cyano group, an alkyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted phenyl group or a substituted or unsubstituted naphthyl group; m is an integer of from 2 to 3 ~~1 to 3~~; and n is an integer of from 0 to 4, provided that when n=0, four groups of R₁, R₂, R₃, R₄ and R₅ excluding the linking group are not simultaneously a hydrogen atom.

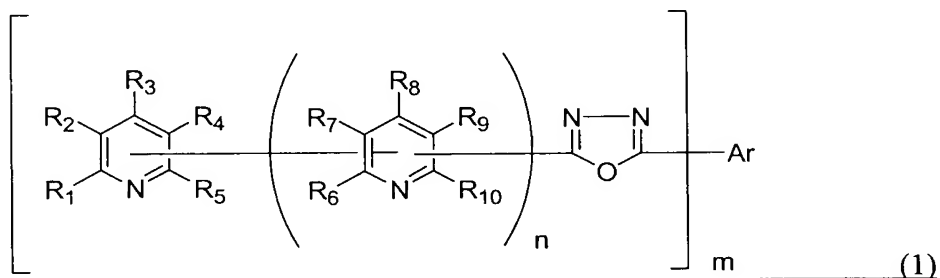
Claim 2 (Currently Amended): A compound having an oxadiazole ring structure having a substituted pyridyl group connected thereto, represented by the following general formula (1):



wherein Ar represents a substituted or unsubstituted aromatic hydrocarbon group, a substituted or unsubstituted aromatic heterocyclic group or a substituted or unsubstituted condensation polycyclic aromatic group; one of R₁, R₂, R₃, R₄ and R₅ is a linking group, and the others may be the same or different and represent a hydrogen atom, a fluorine atom, a cyano group, an alkyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted phenyl group or a substituted or unsubstituted naphthyl group; two of R₆, R₇, R₈, R₉ and R₁₀ are linking groups, and the others may be the same or different and represent a hydrogen atom, a fluorine atom, a cyano group, an alkyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted phenyl group or a substituted or unsubstituted naphthyl group; m is an integer of from 1 to 3; and n is 1.

~~The compound having an oxadiazole ring structure as claimed in claim 1, wherein n in the general formula (1) is 1.~~

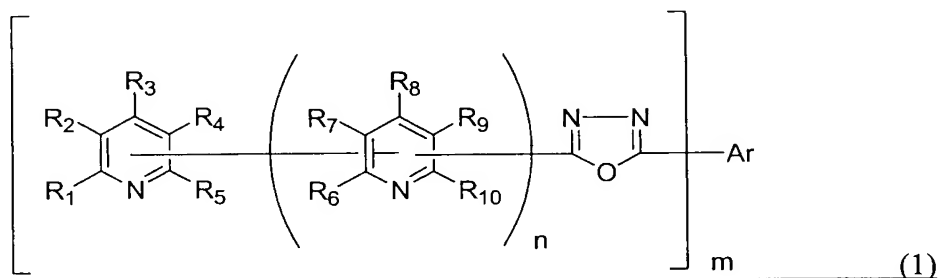
Claim 3 (Currently Amended): A compound having an oxadiazole ring structure having a substituted pyridyl group connected thereto, represented by the following general formula (1):



wherein Ar represents a substituted or unsubstituted aromatic hydrocarbon group, a substituted or unsubstituted aromatic heterocyclic group or a substituted or unsubstituted condensation polycyclic aromatic group; one of R₁, R₂, R₃, R₄ and R₅ is a linking group, and the others may be the same or different and represent a hydrogen atom, a fluorine atom, a cyano group, an alkyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted phenyl group or a substituted or unsubstituted naphthyl group; two of R₆, R₇, R₈, R₉ and R₁₀ are linking groups, and the others may be the same or different and represent a hydrogen atom, a fluorine atom, a cyano group, an alkyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted phenyl group or a substituted or unsubstituted naphthyl group; m is an integer of from 1 to 3; and n is 2

~~The compound having an oxadiazole ring structure as claimed in claim 1, wherein n in the general formula (1) is 2.~~

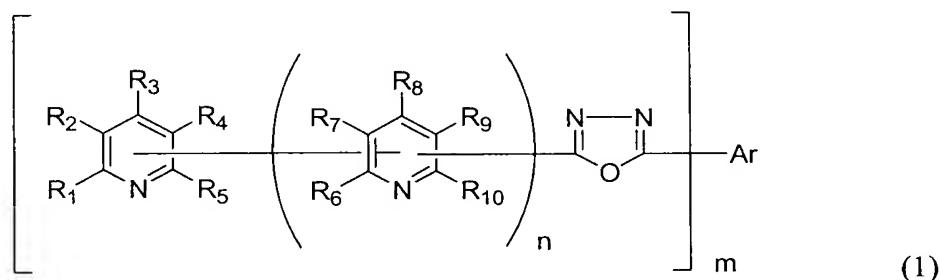
Claim 4 (Currently Amended): A compound having an oxadiazole ring structure having a substituted pyridyl group connected thereto, represented by the following general formula (1):



wherein Ar represents a substituted or unsubstituted aromatic hydrocarbon group, an unsubstituted aromatic heterocyclic group, or a substituted or unsubstituted condensation polycyclic aromatic group; one of R₁, R₂, R₃, R₄ and R₅ is a linking group, and the others may be the same or different and represent a hydrogen atom, a fluorine atom, a cyano group, an alkyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted phenyl group or a substituted or unsubstituted naphthyl group; two of R₆, R₇, R₈, R₉ and R₁₀ are linking groups, and the others may be the same or different and represent a hydrogen atom, a fluorine atom, a cyano group, an alkyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted phenyl group or a substituted or unsubstituted naphthyl group; m is an integer of from 1 to 3; and n is 0, wherein four groups of R₁, R₂, R₃, R₄ and R₅ excluding the linking group are not simultaneously a hydrogen atom, and wherein one of the four groups of R₁, R₂, R₃, R₄ and R₅ excluding the linking group is a phenyl group

~~The compound having an oxadiazole ring structure as claimed in claim 1, wherein n in the general formula (1) is 0, and one of four groups of R₁, R₂, R₃, R₄ and R₅ excluding the linking group is a phenyl group.~~

Claim 5 (Withdrawn): An organic electroluminescence device comprising a pair of electrodes, and at least one organic layer interposed therebetween, wherein a compound having an oxadiazole ring structure having a substituted pyridyl group connected thereto, represented by the following general formula (1) is contained as a structural material of the at least one organic layer:



wherein Ar represents a substituted or unsubstituted aromatic hydrocarbon group, a substituted or unsubstituted aromatic heterocyclic group or a substituted or unsubstituted condensation polycyclic aromatic group; one of R₁, R₂, R₃, R₄ and R₅ is a linking group, and the others may be the same or different and represent a hydrogen atom, a fluorine atom, a cyano group, an alkyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted phenyl group or a substituted or unsubstituted naphthyl group; two of R₆, R₇, R₈, R₉ and R₁₀ are linking groups, and the others may be the same or different and represent a hydrogen atom, a fluorine atom, a cyano group, an alkyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted phenyl group or a substituted or unsubstituted naphthyl group; m is an integer of from 1 to 3; and n is an integer of from 0 to 4, provided that when n=0, four groups of R₁, R₂, R₃, R₄ and R₅ excluding the linking group are not simultaneously a hydrogen atom.

Claim 6 (Withdrawn): The organic electroluminescence device as claimed in claim 5, wherein n in the general formula (1) is 1.

Claim 7 (Withdrawn): The organic electroluminescence device as claimed in claim 5, wherein n in the general formula (1) is 2.

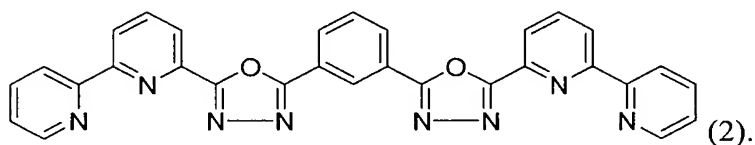
Claim 8 (Withdrawn): The organic electroluminescence device as claimed in claim 5, wherein n in the general formula (1) is 0, and one of four groups of R₁, R₂, R₃, R₄ and R₅ excluding the linking group is a phenyl group.

Claim 9 (Withdrawn): The organic electroluminescence device as claimed in claim 5, wherein the compound represented by the general formula (1) is contained in an electron transporting layer.

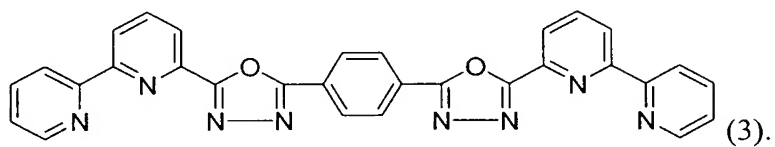
Claim 10 (Withdrawn): The organic electroluminescence device as claimed in claim 5, wherein the compound represented by the general formula (1) is contained in a hole blocking layer.

Claim 11 (Withdrawn): The organic electroluminescence device as claimed in claim 5, wherein the compound represented by the general formula (1) is contained in an emission layer.

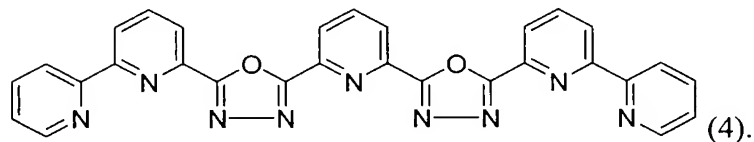
Claim 12 (New): The compound of claim 1, that has the following formula (2):



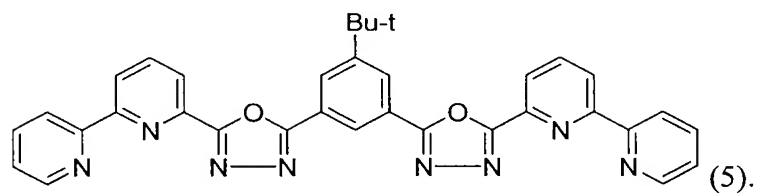
Claim 13 (New): The compound of claim 1, that has the following formula (3):



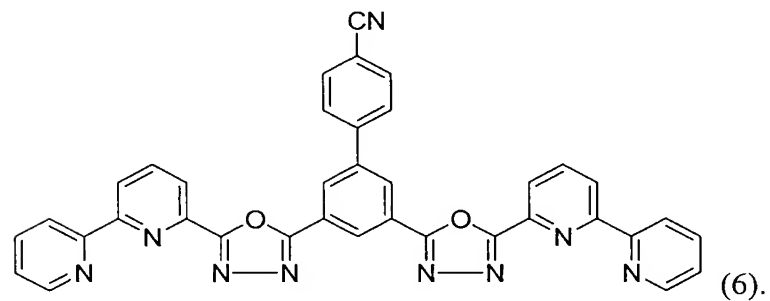
Claim 14 (New): The compound of claim 1, that has the following formula (4):



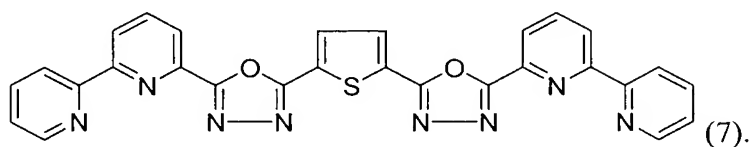
Claim 15 (New): The compound of claim 1, that has the following formula (5):



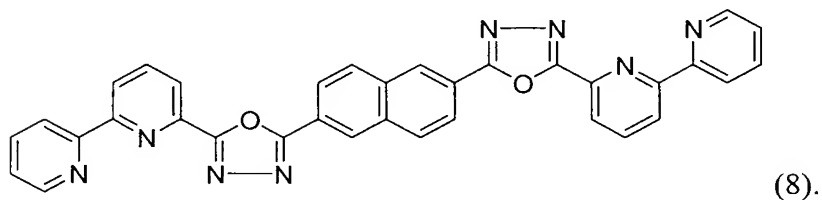
Claim 16 (New): The compound of claim 1, that has the following formula (6):



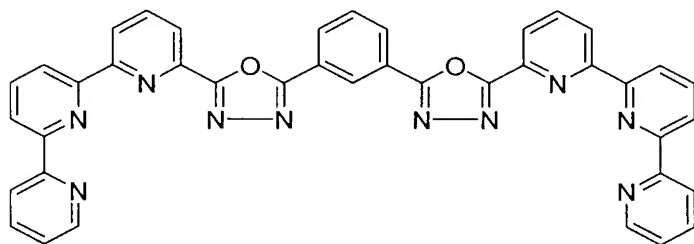
Claim 17 (New): The compound of claim 1, that has the following formula (7):



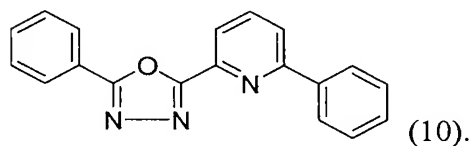
Claim 18 (New): The compound of claim 1, that has the following formula (8):



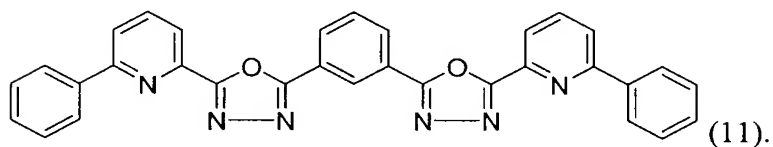
Claim 19 (New): The compound of claim 1, that has the following formula (9):



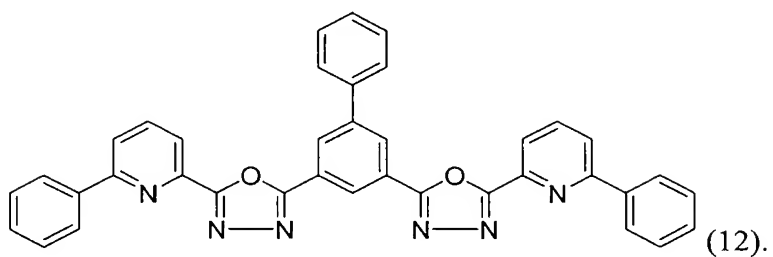
Claim 20 (New): The compound of claim 1, that has the following formula (10):



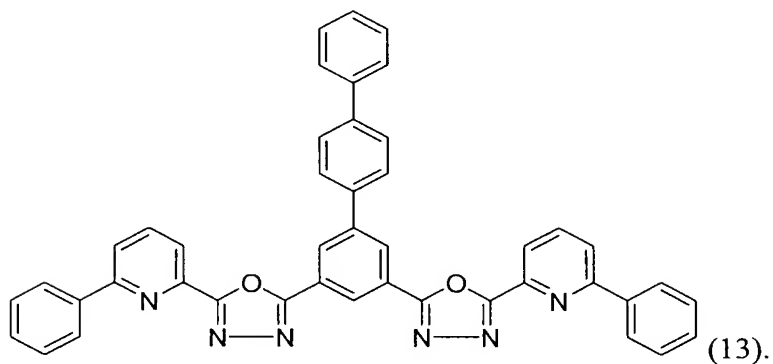
Claim 21 (New): The compound of claim 1, that has the following formula (11):



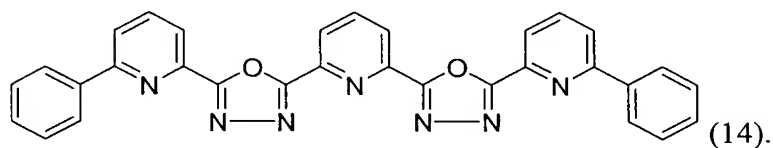
Claim 22 (New): The compound of claim 1, that has the following formula (12):



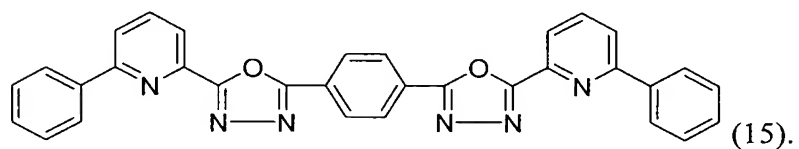
Claim 23 (New): The compound of claim 1, that has the following formula (13):



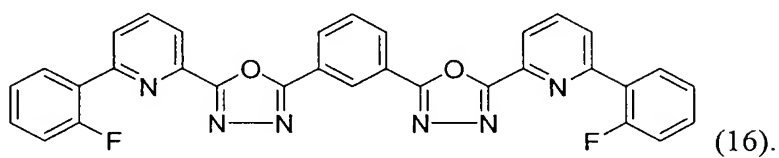
Claim 24 (New): The compound of claim 1, that has the following formula (14):



Claim 25 (New): The compound of claim 1, that has the following formula (15):



Claim 26 (New): The compound of claim 1, that has the following formula (16):



Claim 27 (New): The compound of claim 1, the has the following formula (17):

